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Office Action Summary

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MACMURDO, ALEX

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 18-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,823,445 to Diener in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,315,152 to Kalisz.

Regarding claims 18 and 29, Diener et al discloses a container (C) having an outside surface and an interior and a storage clip for holding an extending tube directly onto an aerosol can. Diener does not disclose the tube being magnetically attracted to the outside surface of the container. Kalisz discloses a tube storage device that is magnetically attached to the container such that each piece is made of a magnetic material. See column 6 lines 47 to 58. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the attachment means of Diener with the magnetic attachment means as taught by Kalisz in order to more conveniently store the tube when not in use. This substitution requires that the tube be made of a magnetic material. This is taught by Kalisz, as the securing bracket of Kalisz is made of a magnetic material in order to directly adhere to the aerosol can.

Regarding claim 19, the container of Diener comprises a nozzle (A).

Regarding claim 20, the tube of Diener is constructed and arranged to be coupled to the nozzle.

Regarding claim 21, the container of Diener is an aerosol can under pressure.

Regarding claim 22, the container of Diener as modified by Kalisz would be magnetic to attract the tube.

Regarding claim 23, the tube as modified by Kalisz would be ferromagnetic in order to adhere to the container.

Regarding claims 24 and 31, it is well known in the art that aerosol tubes are flexible as shown in Kalisz. See column 1 line 52.

Regarding claims 25, 26, 30, 32, 33, it is well known to one having ordinary skill in the art to use iron-containing compounds in magnets.

Regarding claims 27 and 28, the tube of both Diener and Kalisz is shorter in length than the length of the cylinder. See Figure 1 of Diener and Figure 3 of Kalisz.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 18-33 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,659,313 to MacMurdo. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 18-33 of the instant application are broader than the patented claims of 6,659,313.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed November 16, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Kalisz teaches making an object out of a magnetic material in order to allow the object to magnetically adhere to another object. More specifically Kalisz teaches securing an aerosol tube to an aerosol can by a magnetic bracket. Deiner teaches securing an aerosol tube directly onto an aerosol can. The examiner maintains that the teaching of Deiner to secure a tube directly to an aerosol can in view of the teaching of Kalisz to secure an object by making it magnetic (which is also for securing an aerosol tube to an aerosol can), that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to magnetically secure an aerosol tube directly to an aerosol can, which would require both the tube and the can to be made of a magnetic material. Therefore, the previous rejections of claim 18-33 have been maintained.

6. The Examiner notes that applicant has not addressed the double patenting rejection, which has been maintained.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

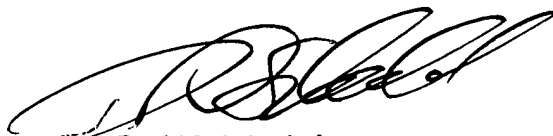
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seth Barney whose telephone number is (571)272-4896. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri), first friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on (571)272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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